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SUBJECT: DISAPPEARANCE OF PROFESSOR MAURICIO LOPEZ

REF: BUENOS AIRES 00458

1. CONGRESSWOMAN SCHROEDER'S OFFICE HAS INQUIRED ABOUT DISAPPEARANCE OF PROFESSOR MAURICIO LOPEZ. CHURCH GROUPS ARE ALSO BEGINNING TO SHOW INTEREST IN THIS CASE. WE WOULD APPRECIATE WHATEVER FURTHER INFORMATION EMBASSY CAN PROVIDE ON PROFESSOR LOPEZ.

2. PROFESSOR LOPEZ HAS BEEN DESCRIBED TO US AS AN ECUMENICAL LEADER. HE WAS LATIN AMERICAN SECRETARY OF THE WORLD STUDENT CHRISTIAN FEDERATION FROM 1956-63. HE WAS A MEMBER OF THE WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES STAFF IN GENEVA FROM 1963-67 AND RECTOR OF SAN LUIS UNIVERSITY FROM 1967 UNTIL RECENTLY. HIS ADDRESS IS OLIGARIO V. ANDRADE 345, MENDOZA. DUTCH AMBASSADOR IN BUENOS AIRES IS APPARENTLY ACTIVELY INTERESTED IN CASE.
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